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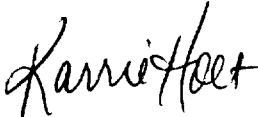
Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to submit my input to the Presidents' Inter-Agency Council on Food Safety on how to improve the quality of our nations food. The first step is to address the problem at its source. In the case of eggs, dairy products and meat, the source is the animal.

The condition and treatment of farm animals is paramount to improving the safety of our food. Overcrowding, subjecting animals to stressful procedures and conditions, feeding livestock chicken litter and feces, rendering diseased animals into livestock feed and inhumane and unhygienic transport and slaughter only harm the quality of our food sources.

If the source of our food is not healthy and hygienic, then the product will not be healthy. To improve our food quality, we need to improve the source of our food. We need more humane treatment and hygienic conditions for farm animals. I suggest adequate funding be sought to improve the condition of livestock. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



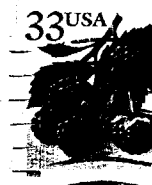
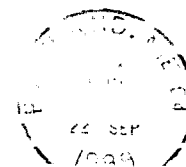
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